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Dear Johnson:

I have been too seriously unwell for the last three weeks to be able to carry on any correspondence whatever. I have not known ~~or~~ realized an hour's sleep for eighteen consecutive nights. I came down with what seemed to be a congestive and gastric fever combined, which has brought out a hot and itching eruption, called eczema, from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet; and the torment of it, so long protracted, and depriving me of so much sleep, has almost driven me frantic. I am very little, if any, relieved in this particular; and you may readily believe my nervous system is in a shattered condition. I am trying the benefit of electricity, in connection with the Turkish bath, and hope good results from the treatment.

Let me thank you for the two letters received from you just as I was stricken down, or a little later. I was gratified to get the particulars of your visit to your native State, though disliking to put you to any trouble on that account.

You ask, whether I am not mistaken in supposing that one of my articles remains unpaid for. No—as you will see, on further examination, that an article appeared in the Independent from my pen, headed "The Pending Conflict," August 4th. It was not published on the first page, (as I believe it was a pictorial number,) but on one of the other pages, commencing at the top of the column.

I shall remain here some days longer. With affectionate regards to Mary Ann, I remain, faithfully yours,  
W<sup>m</sup>. Lloyd Garrison.  
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